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RESIGNATION OF CARTER ASKED BY GOVERNOR

Request Made That Ft. Worth Man Leave Tech Board Of Regents

AUSTIN.—The resignation of Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth publisher, as chairman of the board of regents of the Texas Technological College at Lubbock was called for Monday by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson in a letter made public here. There have been some differences between Mr. Carter and the Governor since the Thanksgiving football game played at A. & M. College when, according to Mr. Carter's authorized published statement, he was escorted from the playing field and immediately invited back. Mr. Carter's statement was that he had hollered "Hurrah for A. & M.; Hurrah for Dan Moody," as he was in the vicinity of the Governor's box. Mr. Carter also expressed the belief that he had been escorted by a member of the Governor's staff.

Col. George S. Nalle, in a letter to Mr. Carter, advises that only two members of the staff were present in the box, himself and Col. Louis Kayton of San Antonio, and makes specific, vigorous and emphatic denial that either had anything to do with Mr. Carter's ejection. Mr. Nalle resides in Austin and is a son-in-law of the Fergusons.

Governor's Letter.

Governor Ferguson's letter to Mr. Carter follows:

"Nov. 30, 1925.—The Hon. Amon G. Carter, President Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas:

"Dear Sir: I feel it my duty, as Governor, to request your resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of the West Texas Technological College. I assure you this is an unpleasant task which I have carefully considered, and only a strict conception of my duty impels my action.

"I am informed that last year, in or about December, when the meeting of the Oil Men's Association met in your home city, Fort Worth, that you fitted up a building, owned or controlled by you (perhaps it was a garage building), in the old-fashioned bar room way, providing a bar with a foot rail and saw dust on the floor, and behind the bar you had a man dressed in the old-fashioned bartender white apron. To this place I am informed that you invited some 200 or 300 guests and to those who came you dispensed drinks that were, to say the least, stimulating, and that you caused to be given away souvenir canes in which there is a hidden vial, some thirty inches in length, that contained approximately one pint of beverage. I have one of the canes in my possession which, I am reliably informed, came from your place. I am also informed that at said reception given by you, many became stimulated and others were under the influence of an invigorating decoction, and that you, in company with your guests, participated in the consumption of the beverage.

"You, of course, remember your being in College Station on Thanksgiving Day of last week upon the occasion of the annual football contest between the A. & M. and the University. If you do not remember I can inform you that it was an imposing meeting of some 25,000 people from all parts of the State, and there were thousands of young boys and girls, students and friends of both of these two great institutions, the pride of our State.

"I see from the papers that you admit that many times you cheered for Hon. Dan. Moody and the A. & M. team. I can verify that you were correct in this statement as you were right behind the box that I was occupying, and on two occasions when you gave vent to your vociferous exclamation, were only a few feet from me. I believe your statement when you say in the papers that you were not aware of my presence and that you meant no personal discourtesy to me. Your friends who know you best assure me (and I believe them) that when you are in a normal condition that you are a courteous gentleman to the manner born, and I attribute your seeming affront to your unusual condition and the influences under which you were laboring at the time. In your state it was but natural for you to have been unable to distinguish between a Colonel on my staff, dressed in khaki yellow and a town policeman, dressed in blue, who, under orders from local authorities ejected you from the grounds in the interest of public peace. No member of my staff laid hands on you as suggested by public press. Personally, I gladly forget any apparent discourtesy to me as from my own observation I know you were not responsible at the time. But your

actions involve a great principle and a matter of sound public policy which I can not overlook.

"We have on the statute books a law against the unlawful sale, transportation or possession of intoxicating liquors. Also there is a law against intoxication in public places.

"It will not be denied that the foundation of our civilization is our educational institutions. In and around these temples of knowledge from the country school to the college and university we seek to teach the rising generations the virtue of morality, sobriety and correct living. It is here that the proper precept and example is set, or should be set, before the young boys and girls that will aid them to become good and intelligent citizens. These simple truths are so self-evident that to state them is to prove them.

"If those in charge of the management and direction of our educational institutions shall, by their personal deportment display these vices that are so repugnant to the idea of strict morality and sobriety, then such results in the students of these institutions can not be expected. If, as head of the Board of the West Texas Technological College you reserve to yourself the right to appear in a public place in the condition that you were at College Station on Thanksgiving Day, then every student who say you could justify him or herself by doing the same thing. If a student at Tech College should appear on the Lubbock campus as you appeared in College Station the faculty would promptly expel such student from the college. And yet in such case the student could plead your case and the example and the precedent set by you in justification. If the heads of our institutions can not practice and preach sobriety, then our hopes for educated citizenship are vain and useless.

"It is with deep regret that I protest against your further occupying a place in the West Texas Technological Board. I plead for a better example for our boys and girls. You have set a standard that can not be tolerated. For the good of public service I emphatically affirm that you should should send me your resignation. Yours truly,

"MIRIAM A. FERGUSON

"Governor of Texas."

Carter's Reply.

"Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, Austin, Texas. Dear Governor: The charges contained in your letter published in the press of the State asking for my resignation as a member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College, are without justification. My appointment was made by Gov. Neff for four years, two of which I have yet to serve. I fully appreciate the responsibility and dignity which naturally accompanies a position of trust of this kind. The Texas Technological College has started out as a real institution, capably managed throughout, and as chairman of its board of directors, I could not countenance any confusion of side line issues interfering with its growth and development.

"Administrations may come and go, but these great institutions will go one forever, and I feel the responsibility of those administering them should go directly to the people served by them and not to the particular administration which happens to be in power. If there is one point in which the people of Texas are in accord, it is that our educational institutions should be divorced from politics. Under the circumstances I am compelled to decline to accede to your request for my resignation. Meanwhile, if the board of directors, or the management of the Texas Technological College, or the people of Texas should feel that this institution would be benefited by my resignation, I would gladly resign. Respectfully,

"AMON G. CARTER."